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Don't wait until next fall before writing, as this report will be ready for publication in December, and what notes I have now I can work up at my leisure. I would ask all to *observe* rather than *collect*. A live bird possesses hundreds of possibilities for the student that a dead one does not. If you chance to live near a colony of Barn or Cliff Swallows you will find the egg shells which the parent birds throw out; preserve these, they are nearly as valuable for study as the finest prepared specimens.

In conclusion I would say, don't take too much pains in arranging your notes, or in the choice of paper. (Still I appreciate a finely arranged report.) One acquaintance used brown paper and lead pencil, but his notes were of almost priceless worth in the preparation of the report.

STEPHEN J. ADAMS, Cornish, Me., *Chairman.*

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION.

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There have not been as many notes sent in on the migrations of 1896 as were expected, though many are much fuller than usual. There is a disposition among observers to refrain from sending in notes because they may not be complete. This is a mistake, as such a note as this, which was received last year, "Yellow Warbler, May 4," may be of much value. We have a number of reports from observers who are not members and are very thankful for them. The Michigan Ornithological Club, through its secretary, Mr. Mulliken, has promised its aid, and we request all Chapter members to render the Club such assistance as they are able. With such outside assistance and active work on the part of our members, we hope for much in the future.

J. E. DICKINSON, *Chairman.*

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#### ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

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The following are proposed for membership in the Chapter. For Active membership :

Frank M. Woodruff, Assistant Curator Chicago Academy Sciences.

Henry K. Coales, 136 Washington street, Chicago, Ill.

W. S. Colvin, Osawatomie, Kansas.

For Honorary Membership : Otto Widmann, Old Orchard, Missouri.  
Adverse votes should be sent to the Secretary.